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Letter dated 4 September 2013 from the Chair of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I am writing to you in relation to the provisions of paragraph 7 of section 1 of General Assembly resolution 40/243, according to which no subsidiary organ of the Assembly may meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly. Subsidiary organs wishing to meet during a regular session of the Assembly must submit their requests through the Committee on Conferences.

I wish to inform you that the Committee on Conferences has received requests from the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Disarmament Commission, the Independent Audit Advisory Committee, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing and the Commission on Sustainable Development to meet in New York during the main part of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly.

The Committee on Conferences, having carefully considered those requests and the reasons for them, does not object, on the strict understanding that all such meetings would be allocated conference services on an "as available" basis, from within existing resources, so as not to cause any impediment to the work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees.

Accordingly, I should be grateful if the General Assembly would explicitly authorize the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, the

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(*Signed*) Chamithri **Rambukwella**
Chair
Committee on Conferences